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FRANK McMANUS ASSASSINATED BY AMBUSHED ENEMY

Mysterious Murder Committed While Victim Was Seated on His Porch.

Died Before He Had Chance to Tell of it.

NEIGHBORS SAW MAN RUNNING.

A knock upon the front door and her husband's reassuring voice, then a shot, so close to the house it jarred her ears, and a scream. Then a second shot and a sickening thump as a body fell upon the doorstep.

That was what Mrs. Frank McManus, of 1811 South Sixth street, heard last night.

Before she could open the door a gentle hand detained her and led her back to her room, while kindly neighbors picked up the prostrate form of her husband, that was huddled in a pool of blood upon the doorstep, and carried it to a bed.

Neighbors saw the assassin running from his ambush, and that is all anybody knows of the mysterious murder of Frank McManus last night.

With absolutely no clew to work upon, the police department and detectives of Paducah are up against one of the most baffling crimes ever committed here.

Frank McManus, 32 years old, a brewery worker, was assassinated from ambush on the threshold of his residence, 811 South Sixth street, at 10 o'clock last night.

McManus, who was six feet tall and an almost physical type of manhood, had just returned home after a hard day's work. He carried squirrels for breakfast in his hand and just as he knocked on the "L" door entrance a shot rang out and he was struck in the left elbow. He yelled murder and hardly before the word left his mouth the second and fatal shot was fired by the unknown murderer, who was concealed behind the vines at the south end of the porch.

McManus fell to the porch with a groan and the murderer darted out the gate, walking rapidly to Jones street, where he turned west and disappeared. The fatal bullet entered in the left side at the lower rib, ranging upward close to the heart and into the right lung.

Neighbors had rushed to him by this time, but after being taken into his home he expired in 30 minutes, despite the heroic work of Dr. Horace Rivers to save him.

An alarm was sent to police headquarters and Police Sergeant Lige Cross hurried to the scene from police headquarters. Patrolman Beavers followed five minutes later. Chief of Police Henry Singery went to the scene, but in spite of a careful search around the spot where the assassin had concealed himself, no clew was found.

Not the slightest sign of a clew has been found and the murder is even more mysterious in face of the fact that McManus was not known to have an enemy, and was a peaceable neighbor and law-abiding citizen. Who could have fired the shot or what motive there was for it are two questions that the officials of Paducah are expending every effort to answer.

Might Have Killed Wife.

The murderer had laid in wait and was ready when McManus stepped up to his door. Mrs. McManus is in a delicate condition and when he knocked last night she arose from her bed and started for the door. She was startled by the shot. Mrs. Josie Breese, who was staying with her, rushed to her and prevented her from going out.

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LAFO LETTIE IS AT SANITARIUM

WISCONSIN SENATOR'S CONDITION SAID TO BE CRITICAL—OPERATION.

Rochester, Minn., Sept. 30.—Senator La Follette, of Wisconsin, is believed to be in a critical condition. It is expected he will undergo an operation this afternoon by the Mayo brothers. Two days ago the senator announced a postponement of his consultation with the Mayo brothers, owing to improvement in his health. He left Madison hurriedly last night, arriving here this morning and went immediately to the Kahler Sanitarium.

"Paducah Day" at McCracken Fair is Record Breaker For Attendance; Business Houses Keep a Holiday

Merchants Who Were Thoughtful Enough to Secure Booths Jubilant; Others Regret they Did Not Foresee Crowds.

FOR SATURDAY.
(Traveling Men's Day—Farmers' Day—Horse Show Day).
Forecast—Fair weather.
9 a. m. Gates will open.
10 a. m. to 12. Band concert.
10:30 a. m. to 12 a. m. Judging of saddle horses and rigs.
2 to 5 p. m. Races.
5:30 p. m. Fair will close.

"Paducah Day," today, broke all records for attendance at the big Tri-State fair at the West End fair grounds. The largest morning crowd since the fair opened, was present this morning, while this afternoon between 5,000 and 7,000 people, and maybe more, are on the grounds. There is every form of attraction and in no way are amusements lacking.

Today is colt day and farmers' day also. However, the largest Paducah crowd of the fair is present. All of the stores in the city closed at noon today at the request of the Paducah Fair association and this afternoon everybody turned out for a good time.

Judging the colts and hogs was completed this morning. The results will be compiled as soon as possible. Secretary Rodney C. Davis has been head over heels in work and is unable to give out the names of the winners in the ladies' fancy work etc., the farm products and the beef cattle, which made up part of yesterday's program.

That the grandstand will accommodate as many people in Floral Hall as it will in the top has been demonstrated. It is almost an impossibility to go through Floral Hall in less than five minutes. The displays are interesting and the decorations in the booths are eye-takers. One of the features in the displays is the floral exhibit of Mr. Noble at the west end of the hall. The rest room at the extreme east end of the hall has proved its worth during the fair. It is handsomely furnished and every comfort for ladies has been incorporated in its furnishing. As the awards have been made for the ladies' exhibits, naturally the crowd will remain longer to see the prize winners. It was a difficult proposition to judge the cakes and ellies, etc.

Wish They Had Booths.

Those merchants, who did not get booths for the fair, are sorry. They have told the directors so and said that next year they could count on them. If this is the case there will be lively competition for the booths and more room will have to be provided. Those who have booths are jubilant over the big advertising success. Mr. Raymond Scoville, a representative of the Multigraph company, of Cleveland, O., is demonstrating the wonder-working machine for the Leake Printing company in its booth. Mr. Van Pragg and his assistants in charge of the booth of Covington Brothers, is winning much favor with the crowds. Every firm that has a booth is pleased and the displays are pleasing the people.

The display of Mr. Saunders Fowler is attracting attention. There are all kinds of utensils for handling

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Estimate of Crowd Yesterday 15,000

All the hotels and boarding houses were crowded to overflowing last night with visitors to the fair and circus. The S. R. O. sign went out early after colts had been placed in halls, and the late arrivals had anything but an easy time finding an opportune place to sleep. It was the largest crowd in Paducah yesterday in the history of the city. Despite the fact that a large number of visitors returned to their homes on the evening trains, the hotels and boarding houses were inadequate to supply the demand. The restaurants were also crowded throughout the day.

Long before midnight every room in the Palmer House, Belvedere,

New Richmond, Craig and St. Nicholas hotels was engaged. It was the first time in several years that the weary visitor found it difficult to secure a room if he had the price. The private boarding houses accommodated hundreds of visitors.

It is conservatively estimated that the number of visitors in Paducah yesterday was between 10,000 and 12,000. Today there is a large crowd in the city, but it did not equal the number of visitors yesterday.

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS IS TO BE APPOINTED

Mayor Smith will appoint a new board of supervisors sometime between now and the first of January. The terms of the present board expire December 31, and the mayor will announce his appointments before that time. The board is composed of Messrs. George Emery, James Glauber and Eli G. Boone.

THE WEATHER

The predictions and temperature for the past twenty-four hours will be found at the top of the seventh column on page four.

ATTEMPT TO BLOW POTTER PALMER'S HOUSE SUSPECTED

Man, With Bomb, Found Hiding Under Porch of Residence Last Night

Admits He Made it, But Gives No Explanation.

HE IS THOUGHT TO BE INSANE.

Chicago, Ill., Sept. 30.—What is believed to have been an attempt to blow up the residence of Mrs. Potter Palmer was frustrated by the police last night, but not made public until this morning. Fred Wahlinger, 26 years old, a German, was arrested under the porch of the Potter residence, where he had crawled on hands and knees from the street gate. In the grass near him was found a gas pipe bomb, filled with smokeless powder and with a fuse attached. Wahlinger admits he made the bomb. His actions indicate mental derangement.

Marriage Licenses.
Clyde Elrod, 22, of Kentucky, farmer, and Lula Watwood, 21, of Kentucky.

T. E. Kimbro, 37, of Kentucky, farmer, and Maggie Kimbro, 29, of Kentucky.

Taxes Coming In.
State and county taxes are literally pouring into the office of Sheriff George Houser. Yesterday was the biggest day for collections, while this morning was equally as busy. The office will be closed this afternoon, but to accommodate taxpayers Sheriff Houser will keep his office open tonight and tomorrow night until 9 o'clock.

U. S. DELEGATES ARE NAMED.

Four Commissioners Will Attend Brussels Tuberculosis Conference.

Washington, Sept. 30.—The state department has appointed Dr. Reid Hunt, of the public health and marine hospital service; Dr. Mazuck Ravenel, of Madison, Wis.; Dr. Arnold Klebs, of Chicago, and W. H. Baldwin, of Washington, to be delegates to the ninth international conference on tuberculosis, to be held at Brussels.

Dr. Hunt has also been designated as a delegate to the second international conference for the study of cancer, to be held in Paris.

SHORT SESSION OF COURT TODAY

FEW CRIMINAL CASES READY FOR TRIAL—GRAND JURY RECESSES.

A short session of circuit court was held this morning, as only a few of the cases on the docket were ready for trial. The grand jury had adjourned until Monday but a sufficient number of indictments have been returned to keep the court busy next week.

Cleo, alias Pico Colto, was fined \$10 on the charge of breach of peace. Jesse Cox and Eddie Hillard were fined \$20 each on the charge of disturbing public worship. Ella May Hunter was acquitted by the jury. Her case was appealed from the police court.

The following cases were continued: Albert Dickson, petit larceny; Bradley Boaz, furnishing liquor to a minor; Luther Duffy, discharging a weapon on a public highway; Roy McDurham, trespass; Sarah Jane Hotchkiss, trespass.

The appeal of J. M. Egan from police court was set for Monday. A. H. Patten, J. E. Morgan, and J. W. Newman were empaneled this morning as petit jurors to fill vacancies. At the adjournment of court the following petit jurors were discharged: G. C. Wallace, W. E. Covington, W. H. Gregory, and G. S. Throgmorton.

Civil Cases.
Tillman Rowlett vs. Lax Fos Medicine company; answer filed.
Tennessee Coffin and Casket company vs. C. J. Howell; judgment for \$1,006.87 against C. J. Howell.
Frederick vs. company vs. A. E. Bethel; judgment for \$1,006.87 against A. E. Bethel and W. A. Bethel.

Captain J. W. Smith, 1634 Broadway, is ill of rheumatism.

County Court Clerks of Kentucky Attending Annual Convention of the Association in Paducah Today

First Session at Court House This Morning is Well Attended—Speeches and Welcome—Go to Race.

The fifth annual session of the County Court Clerks' association of Kentucky convened this morning at the court house with a fair representation from over the state. The clerks will remain in session today and tomorrow, and during their stay the keys to the city are theirs. No efforts have been spared to make their visit pleasant, and the social



W. T. Mills, of Madisonville, Sec'y.



PRESIDENT F. G. CORLEY, of Elizabethtown.

features will be an important part of the program.

The meeting was called to order this morning at 10 o'clock in the circuit court room by President F. G. Corley, of Elizabethtown. The welcome address was delivered by County Judge Alben W. Barkley, who in his happiest manner extended the greetings of the citizens to the clerks. He advocated a uniform system for the operation of all the clerks' offices in the state.

Owing to the absence of J. B. Nichols, of Danville, Mr. John B. Dillon, of Newport, spoke a few words of thanks on behalf of the clerks to the citizens. W. T. Mills, of Madisonville, the secretary, read the reports of the last meeting and the usual program was taken up. Topics of interest to the clerks and

county; John Bigham, Union county; R. O. Wellinghand, Carlisle county; W. D. Dickson, Mason county; Gus G. Singleton, McCracken county; T. J. Neely, Wickliffe; Crawford Lee, Franklin county; W. L. Davis, Trigg county; W. B. Harvey, Wooster county; G. L. Withers, Webster county circuit clerk; J. D. Hall, Marshall county; W. S. Tinsley, Hartford, Ohio county; Charles N. Province, auditor's office, Frankfort; Will T. Mills, Madisonville; E. G. Floyd, auditor's office, Frankfort; F. G. Cooley, Hardin county; S. T. Doughty, Henry county; J. A. Murray, Barren county; W. E. Price, Marshall county; H. A. Katterjohn, McCracken county; T. T. Stone, Christian county; R. L. Gresham,

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COL. GUS G. SINGLETON,

the gentl county clerk, who was much in evidence at the meeting today.

movements for legislation for the benefits of the clerks will be discussed.

The association has been organized only five years, but the membership has increased so that it includes practically all the county court clerks of the state. F. G. Corley, the president, and W. T. Mills, secretary, were instrumental in the organization and have held their offices since the organization.

Those Registered.
The following registered this morning: John B. Dillon, Kenton county; W. D. Pinkerton, Oldham county; H. M. Beard, Breckinridge county; Lejeune hard.

TAMMANY RULES N. Y. DEMOCRATIC STATE MEETING

Controls Large Majority of Votes in Choice for Governor Today.

Boss Murphy Will Name the Candidate.

ALTON B. PARKER'S SPEECH.

Rochester, Sept. 30.—The session of the Democratic convention was a brief intermission in the serious business that has brought together here delegates of 61 counties of New York state.

The convention came to order at 1:07 p. m. perfected temporary organization, listened to an arraignment by Chairman Alton B. Parker, of the Republican administration in general and the political ascendancy of Roosevelt, at Saratoga, in particular, and then adjourned to wait on the judgment of the leaders. Chas. F. Murphy, leader of Tammany Hall, controls the situation. Out of 450 delegates he controls more than 200. The upstate leaders recognized the hopelessness of any coalition strong enough to oppose him with any success.

Except for the address of Parker the opening session was purely routine.

It is stated the platform will provide for state-wide primaries but with no specific plan; direct nomination of United States senators; uniform taxation; employers' liability plank, and an income tax.

The platform will contain an attack upon Roosevelt for his arraignment of the supreme court.

It is reported that Alton B. Parker is being considered as a candidate for governor.

"Under the wrongful combination of machine politics and traffic-trusts, corporations and individuals, the interests of the Republican political machine have taken first place and those of the people the second place. Hence the cost of government, federal and state, has grown with startling rapidity. It is but a little while since the people were startled with a billion dollar congress. Now we have a two billion dollar congress. President Arthur vetoed a river and harbor appropriation bill of about eighteen millions. President Taft signed one for fifty-two millions. It is popularly known as the 'Pork Bill.' The president hopes that congress will stop making it a pork bill, but his party in congress flout his advice and—well, he signs it under protest. But his signature answers the purpose of this porkstate. Hence the annual cost of operation increases by leaps that have no bounds.

"With the close of Governor Fowler's administration, December 31st, 1894, the Democratic party passed from power. Never since has it elected either a majority of the legislature or a governor. Then the general expenses of the state were \$15,713,578.29. This year they were \$39,101,224.26, after the governor had disapproved items aggregating \$4,713,747.67.

"We see then that after more than a century of statehood the cost of administration was something over fifteen millions, but fifteen years of exclusive Republican administration nearly doubled the cost. It is not surprising that the governor in his message to the special session of the legislature sharply pointed out that the state is rapidly drifting upon financial rocks from which it can be rescued only by direct taxation. Indeed, the situation on its face demands retrenchment and reform of the Tilden variety.

"The millions wasted are beyond recall, but the feature is within the control of the people. They can command, if they will, a halt place making to machine construction.

B. AND B. FROM JOPPA.

BRAND NEW MOTOR BOAT.
Captain James Browninski, Jr., arrived from Joppa this morning in his brand new motor boat, the "B. & B." which was built at a cost of nearly \$400. The boat was built at Joppa by Captains Browninski and Roy Broadfoot, pilot on the towboat Condon, and is named for her owners. She is 28 feet in length and 4 feet over all. With a 12-horse power motor she made the trip from Metropolis to Paducah, 10 miles, in exactly one hour. Her owners expect to develop 12 miles per hour upstream within a few weeks after the newness of her machinery is worn off. She will be used this winter for duck hunting and will be finely equipped.